

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct the inconsistencies pointed out by Examiner. This clarifies one of the inconsistencies with the Drawings.

The references to numerals 22, 24, and 32 in the drawings were an oversight in the specification which has been corrected by eliminating the numerals from the specification. The specification and Drawings are now consistent, and no further amendment to the Drawings are needed.

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cobbley (US6,501,464). Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to respectively include the limitations of claims 3 and 10. It is submitted that the claims as amended are patentable over Cobbley. The claims as amended read on the embodiment illustrated by Figs. 4, and 5 wherein drawing on the touch screen via stylus 51 may be alternated with text entries via transparent keyboard 50 whereby one of the two functions is inactivated while the other is active.

While Cobbley does disclose an activatable transparent keyboard, it does not suggest the entry of any form of cursive drawing via a stylus or some other drawing instrument. The Examiner points to column 2 of Cobbley which mentions superimposing the transparent keyboard on a graphical user interface which contains text and graphics. However, the graphics which Cobbley appears to be overlying with his keyboard is the conventional graphics which the graphical user interface application vendor puts into the interface, e.g. the graphics of the operating system, and not what a user may be entering via a stylus. Thus, there is no suggestion in Cobbley of selectively alternating the

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transparent keyboard with some form of touch drawing wherein one or the other is selectively enabled.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 11-14 as amended are now allowable, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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